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Title: TIRE FOR VEHICLES HAVING A HIGH WEAR RESISTANCE AND VULCANIZABLE RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR MAKING THE SAME being a **Continuation** of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10190 filed December 20, 1999

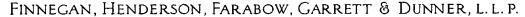
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10190, filed December 20, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98204414.1, filed December 22, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/114,256, filed December 28, 1998.

- 1. Application 49 pages, including 4 independent claims and 34 claims total(as amended).
- 2. Preliminary Amendment with Abstract of the Disclosure (1 page).
- 3. Drawings 1 sheet of formal drawings containing 1 figure.



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- 4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 6 documents attached.
- 5. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO00/37267.
- 6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Application No. 98204414.1, filed December 22, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/114,256, filed December 28, 1998.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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